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SUBJ:FINNISH AND FILIPINO EFFORTS OBTAIN KUWAIT CRUDE

SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVES OF FINLAND AND THE PHILIPPINES VISITED KUWAIT IN LAST FEW DAYS IN EFFORT OBTAIN KUWAIT CRUDE. BOTH REPS MADE STRONGLY PRO-ARAB STATEMENTS, BUT GIVEN CURRENT OIL SITUATION HERE AND GOK POLICIES WE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF EITHER GOT FIRM COMMITMENT HE SOUGHT. END SUMMARY

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1. FINNISH MINISTER TRADE AND INDUSTRY JAN MAGNUS JANSSEN IN PRESS CONFERENCE HERE DEC 12 SAID FINLAND STRONGLY SUPPORTS 1967 UN RESOLUTION CALLING ON ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS. PRESS QUOTED JANSSEN AS SAYING "AGGRESSOR SHOULD NEVER
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BE ALLOWED REAP FRUITS OF HIS AGGRESSION."

2. JANSSEN STOPPED IN KUWAIT FOLLOWING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA. WHILE HERE HE MET WITH AMIR AND KUWAITI OFFICIALS AS WELL AS WITH PRESS. HIS PRIMARY INTEREST WAS TO SECURE UNINTERRUPTED CRUDE OIL SUPPLIES AND HE PROPOSED CERTAIN JOINT VENTURES INCLUDING ONE INVOLVING OIL TANKERS.

3. NOTING THAT FINLAND OBTAINS TWO-THIRDS OF ITS OIL FROM THE USSR, KUWAITI NEWSPAPERMEN ASKED JANSSEN IF VISIT PROMPTED BY SOVIET UNION'S POSSIBLE REFUSAL SUPPLY FINLAND WITH OIL. JANSSEN SAID IT WAS NOT. HE DID NOT DESCRIBE IN DETAIL REACTION OF KUWAITIS BUT HE CLAIMED TO BE SATISFIED WITH TALKS HERE.

4. FILIPINO VISITOR WAS AMBASSADOR MODESTO FAROLAN, REPRESENTING PRESIDENT MARCOS DURING TOUR OF MIDDLE EAST. FAROLAN STRESSED PHILIPPINES AND ASIAN WEAKNESS AND DISASTROUS EFFECTS ARAB PRODUCTION CUTS ON ASIAN ECONOMY AND HUMAN WELFARE. WHILE MAKING PRO-ARAB STATEMENTS AND SUPPORTING LEGITIMATE RIGHTS PALESTINIANS, FAROLAN DID NOT RPT NOT EXPRESSLY CALL FOR COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL FROM NEWSPAPER REPORTS.

5. FAROLAN CLAIMED PHILIPPINES NEEDS AT LEAST 100 MILLION BARRELS OF OIL PER YEAR. HE SAID GOP PREPARED TO PAY CASH OR BARTER FILIPINO PRODUCTS SUCH AS SUGAR, CEMENT, WOOD PRODUCTS AND COCONUT PROJECTS. HE INDICATED DESIRE MAKE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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6. COMMENT: JANSSEN AND FAROLAN AMONG LATEST OF SMALLER COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE VISITED KUWAIT BEFORE AND AFTER OCTOBER WAR ATTEMPTING NAIL DOWN GOK COMMITMENT TO DELIVER CRUDE. AS OF NOW GOK HAS NONE TO SELL SINCE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT STILL BEING NEGOTIATED. IN ANY CASE, AS MATTER GENERAL POLICY GOK HOPES AVOID HAVING DEAL DIRECTLY WITH MANY CONSUMING COUNTRIES ALTHOUGH THIS POLICY SUSCEPTIBLE TO CHANGE OR EXCEPTIONS. WE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF EITHER WAS ABLE OBTAIN FIRM COMMITMENT FROM GOK NOW.

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